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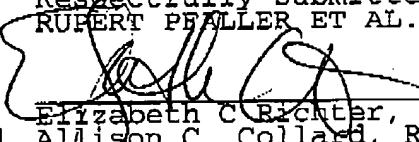
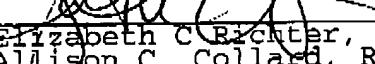
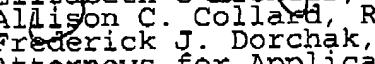
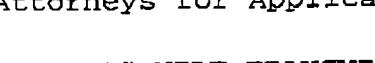
Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 4-8 are in the application. Claims 1, 2 and 9-13 have been canceled. Claims 3, 5 and 7 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner made the restriction requirement final. Applicants have canceled the withdrawn claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112 for containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner stated that claims 3-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have amended claims 3, 5 and 7 to be in independent form. It is now believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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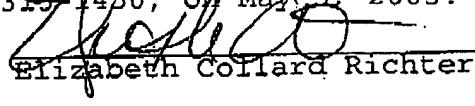
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